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Dan Opalski  
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RE: EPA's Proposed Additions to Oregon's 2012 Section 303(d) List

Dear Mr. Opalski:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) appreciates the opportunity for further discussions with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the proposed additions to Oregon's 2012 Section 303(d) list of water quality limited waters needing Total Maximum Daily Loads where DEQ submitted comment. Generally, EPA's analysis followed DEQ's 2012 assessment protocols and EPA reached conclusions consistent with Oregon water quality standards. Through the review process, DEQ worked with EPA to resolve remaining issues.

DEQ encourages EPA to finalize the 2012 Integrated Report as soon as reasonably possible. In order to further our own work on the Integrated Report, including submitting the 2018 Integrated Report in a timely fashion and fully implementing its revised Assessment Units, DEQ must crosswalk its 2018 303(d) list with a finalized 2012 303(d) list. This work cannot begin until EPA takes final action.

If EPA has any questions or needs additional information, please feel free to contact Becky Anthony, Water Quality Assessment Program Lead, at 503-378-5319 or [anthony.becky@deq.state.or.us](mailto:anthony.becky@deq.state.or.us).

Thank you for the opportunity for discussions related to EPA's upcoming action. DEQ appreciates EPA's ongoing engagement in our Integrated Report improvement efforts. Finalization of the 2012 303(d) List will enable DEQ to focus on incorporating these improvements into its 2018 Integrated Report. DEQ looks forward to EPA's final action for Oregon's 2012 303(d) list.

Sincerely,

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